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Prior Application: C. UEMATSU et al  
Serial No. 09/413,814  
Filed: October 7, 1999

Group Art Unit: 1655  
Examiner: J. Taylor  
For: METHOD FOR ASSAYING DNA FRAGMENTS  
IN MIXTURE

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)**

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/413,814, filed on October 7, 1999, entitled METHOD FOR ASSAYING DNA FRAGMENTS IN MIXTURE, by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the Declaration as originally filed.
  2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION  
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT BELOW  
PLUS ANY CLAIMS ADDED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

3. A check including the amount of \$710.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.
4. Cancel claims 2-16 before calculating the Filing Fee.
5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed for this purpose.

6. Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line:

--This is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/413,814, filed October 7, 1999.--.

7. New drawings are enclosed, seven (7) sheets, Figs. 1-7.

8. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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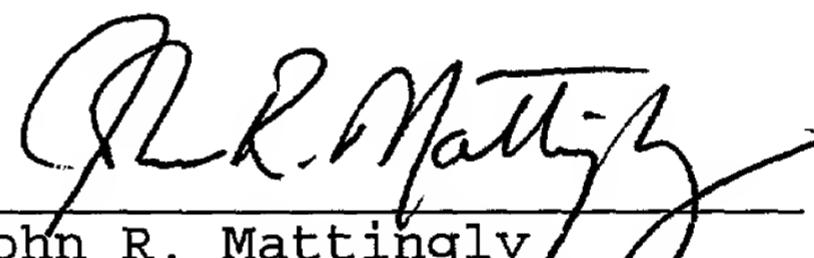
9. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd.

10. Priority of the following Japanese patent application is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

No. 10-286286, filed October 8, 1998.

The certified priority document has been filed in the parent application.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the Specification, including the claims, and drawings filed in the present continuation application would have been new matter in the prior application Serial No. 09/413,814, as originally filed on October 7, 1999.



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